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SAN DIEGO BORDER PATROL APPREHENDS PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED MURDERER

SAN DIEGO, CA: On July 10, 2000 at approximately 10:30AM, Agents from the Chula Vista Border Patrol Station arrested a twenty-eight year old Mexican man in National City, found to be in the United States without proper immigration documents. Subsequent records checks revealed that the man was convicted in 1993 for the murder of his ex-girlfriend's seventeen month-old son.

The man was initially sentenced to 15 years to life for homicide. His sentence was reduced to 12 years and four months after an appeal, where he served only six and a half years before being released from jail and deported.

The man is being prosecuted on felony charges of re-entry after deportation, where he could receive a maximum sentence of up to 20 years in prison.

ON A SEPARATE NOTE:

On today's date at approximately 7:20AM, a U.S. Border Patrol Agent working in the East County area of Jacumba detected foot sign of foam covered shoes (commonly used by smugglers to elude Border Patrol detection) crossing the international border and heading north towards Old Highway 80. The agent then tracked the foot sign north, approximately 150 yards, where he found 2 large, blue duffel bags stuffed with 138 lbs. of Marijuana. The contraband was then transported back to the Boulevard sub-station where it was subsequently turned over to the Drug Enforcement Agency for further investigation.